

Active Transportation Committee  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 Meeting of March 8, 2017

A meeting of the Active Transportation Committee was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 in the offices of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, 295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Welcome and Introductions [Recording 00:00]**

Mayor Bill Applegarth, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Mayor Applegarth welcomed committee members and guests and introductions were made.

**ATC Members and Alternates Present**

IN ATTENDANCE	2017 ATC MEMBERS
	<b>BOX ELDER COUNTY LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS</b>
	Member: Commissioner Jeff Scott (Box Elder)
	<b>DAVIS COUNTY</b>
x	Member: Mayor Don Carroll (Fruit Heights) VICE CHAIR
	Member: Commissioner Bret Millburn (Davis County)
	<b>MORGAN COUNTY</b>
	Member: Daryl Ballantyne (Morgan County)
	Alternate: Austin Turner (Morgan County)
	<b>SALT LAKE COUNTY</b>
x	Member: Mayor Bill Applegarth (Riverton) CHAIR
	Member: Councilmember Jenny Wilson (Salt Lake County)
x	Alternate: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini (Millcreek)
	<b>TOOELE COUNTY</b>
x	Member: Commissioner Myron Bateman (Tooele County)
	Alternate: Mayor Mark Whitney (Stockton)
	<b>UTAH COUNTY</b>
	Member: Mayor Christopher Pengra (Eagle Mountain)
	<b>WEBER COUNTY</b>
	Member: Mayor Mike Caldwell (Ogden)
x	Member: Commissioner James Ebert (Weber County)
	<b>BIKE UTAH</b>
	Non-Voting Member: Phil Sarnoff
	<b>UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</b>
x	Non-Voting Member: Brett McIff
	<b>UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>
	Member: Nathan Lee
	<b>UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>
	Member: Matt Sibul

**ATC Representatives and Others Present**

Dave Adamson	UDOT Region 1
Jordan Backman	UDOT Planning
Mark Benigni	Weber Pathways
Wayne Bennion	WFRC

Dan Bergenthal	Salt Laker City
Julie Bjornstad	WFRC
Roger Borgenicht	UBET FUTURE
Mark Bradley	Brigham City
Shauna Burbidge	Get Healthy Utah
Barry Burton	Davis County
Alejandra Castillo	UDOT Planning
Marcie Clark	DCHD
Kim Clausing	Tooele County Health Department
Christie Dahlberg	WFRC
George Deneris	Salt Lake County
Dave Foster	ALTA
Carmen Freeman	Mayor, Herriman City
Katie Gerard	WFRC
Andrew Gruber	WFRC
Ned Hacker	WFRC
Tim Harpst	Horrocks Engineering
Scott Hess	WFRC
Sarah Hodson	Get Health Utah
Jory Johner	WFRC
Ted Knowlton	WFRC
Travis Olsen	Weber Morgan Health Department
Jeff Oyler	Davis County
Jim Price	MAG
Shawn Seager	MAG
Wilf Sommerkorn	Salt Lake County
Melissa Sperry	Salt Lake County Health Department
Roland Stanger	FHWA
Tim Vandenberg	Weber Pathways
Jason Wheeler	ASSIST Utah
Jaime White	AECOM
Nicole Zinnanti	ASSIST Utah

**Approval of Meeting Minutes/Summary [Recording 02:30]**

Mayor Don Carroll moved that the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Barry Burton, and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**Public Comment [Recording 03:00]**

Mark Benigni, Weber Pathways, informed the committee that Weber Pathways has a new edition of maps. He explained that Weber County has 266 miles of natural surface trails, 33 miles of paved pathway, both of which are shown on these maps. He mentioned that during the Bike Utah Summit, there will be a panel discussion on the building of trails. This would be a good topic to attend if you're interested in knowing what the process is to construct trails in Weber County. For more information regarding these maps, please visit <http://www.weberpathways.org/>.

**Chair Report [Recording 04:28]**

Mayor Applegarth reported on the following items:

- During the Wasatch Front Regional Council meeting held on January 26, 2017, there was a report on Active Transportation. He stated that we are trying to keep the Mayor's and other members of the Council informed, as was discussed during the last ATC meeting.
- He reminded the committee of the Active Transportation goals that were adopted for 2017, and asked the committee for feedback. He asked if those are really the goals, and if we are committed, as a committee, to these goals. Mayor Applegarth believes that we are committed, and with that being said, there are a couple of things that he suggests:
  1. When the agenda is emailed out before every Active Transportation Committee meeting, if you have things to report on one of the four goals, you email that back in, and staff will prepare a written report of what's happening handed out during the meeting. This information does not need to be discussed during the meeting, but is more for informational purposes.
  2. Mayor Applegarth suggested that the agenda be organized by these four goals. By doing this, he believes that this will accelerate the accomplishment of these goals if we focus on them in that way. He does not want the process to take away from the meeting, the process should enhance the meeting. Mayor Carroll said that this is a great idea, and that if we don't continually look at these goals, the committee will lose track of them.
- He reminded the committee that the Utah Bike Summit is being held on March 14, and encouraged everyone to look at someone in their sphere of contacts that should attend this, and make them aware of this conference, and invite them to come.

#### **2019-2050 RTP Scenario Review [Recording 11:30]**

Scott Hess, Wasatch Front Regional Council, noted that he appreciated what Mayor Applegarth said about the goals, and he thinks it's a great idea to focus on those and move them forward through the year. He reminded the committee of the four goals, which are:

1. Update shared Regional Priority Bicycle Routes Plan and Map.
2. Cities and counties adopt local Active Transportation Plans (that align with Regional Priority Plan and Map).
3. Fund and construct priority projects.
4. Build support for active transportation through effective engagement and outreach.

Scott passed around keypad polling devices to the committee for polling on the Regional Transportation Plan scenarios. There are currently three scenarios, and WFRC is working to get to a preferred scenario, with all of the local community, stakeholders, and committee input. For further information on each scenario, please visit [wasatchchoice.com/scenarios](http://wasatchchoice.com/scenarios). You can view the regional scenarios, or the scenarios by county. Once you click on your selection, it will bring you to the regional goals that have been adopted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council, with input from transportation agency partners, cities, and counties. These goals include:

- Livable and healthy communities
- Access to economic and educational opportunities
- Manageable and reliable traffic conditions
- Quality transportation choices
- Safe, user friendly streets
- Clear air
- Housing choices and affordable living expenses
- Fiscally responsible communities and infrastructure
- Sustainable environment, including water, agricultural, and other natural resources
- Ample parks, open spaces, and recreational opportunities

These adopted goals were considered in the development of the three scenarios for the 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan and Wasatch Choice 2050 Vision.

On the online interactive map, following the goals, each individual scenario is explained:

- Scenario 1 is the current regional transportation plan. It incorporates all currently adopted city and county general plans, as well as the WFRC 2015-2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This includes RTP projects and land use changes based on existing city general plans, extrapolating the plans through 2050.
- Scenario 2 focuses growth in large regional centers and expands local streets and regional rail. This scenario concentrates future population and employment growth in regional centers strategically placed throughout the region. Because the centers are larger, the transit system improvements are more focused on high-capacity rail and fixed bus lines. The roadway improvements are focused on local street connectivity to improve access to transit and line centers. The active transportation network primarily consists of local bicycle connectivity.
- Scenario 3 creates small village and town centers while expanding regional roads and local buses. This scenario spreads future population and employment growth into targeted, dispersed, and smaller centers. Because the centers are more dispersed, the transit system improvements are more focused on bus service, including additional routes, increased frequency, and expanded service throughout the day. Because roadway improvements are focused on capacity, the active transportation network primarily consists of trails and projected bike lanes.

The Active Transportation Committee and others in attendance were asked their preferences on transportation questions and answered through the key pad polling devices. The key pad polling answers will be used to help guide the development of the preferred scenario. Staff will report back to the ATC on the results of the regional key pad polling.

#### **2017 Concept Reports Review – STP, CMAQ, TAP [Recording 45:15]**

Wayne Bennion, Wasatch Front Regional Council, explained the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) funding process to the committee. He said that each fall, the Regional Council solicits Letters of Intent to apply for Service Transportation Program (STP) funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, and the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. There are also separate processes for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and funding through the Economic Development District. WFRC receives Letters of Intent each fall, and during the winter receive the applications and concept reports describing the projects in more detail. During this ATC meeting, WFRC would like input from the committee on the TAP projects that have been submitted. At the end of this month, the technical advisory committees, one in each urbanized area, will discuss the STP, CMAQ, and TAP projects, and develop a technical recommendation. That recommendation, along with all projects that have been submitted, will be shared with Davis Council of Governments, Weber Area Council of Governments and Salt Lake County Council of Governments. On April 20, 2017, TransCom will make the policy level recommendation to Regional Council, and then the Regional Council will take action during the May 25, 2017 meeting. These three programs are incorporated into the draft TIP which includes funding sources from across the Region. This will go out for public comment in July, and will be brought back to the Regional Council for approval in August, and is also considered by the state transportation commission in August as part of the statewide TIP. This will then go to FHWA and FTA for approval in September. Mr. Bennion discussed the following projects that were submitted:

- Cottonwood Heights – 2700 East Sidewalk Project. This major sidewalk gap exists on the eastside of 2600 East between South of Toni Circle (7635 S.) to Bridgewater Drive. Existing crossing is at a dangerous location on 2600 East. Proposed sidewalk will relocate the crossing to safer location. The project cost is \$381,400 and the requested funds are \$355, 579.

- Salt Lake County – Kearns Metro Township. This project will implement needs as identified by the WFRC and Salt Lake County metro area bicycle network master plans to assist tourists, local and regional cyclists find their way in and through Kearns to adjacent city bike ways, rapid transit bus stops, schools, industrial parks, trails, and parks. The project cost is \$80,000 and the requested funds are \$60,000.
- Millcreek City – 1300 East Pedestrian Crossing. The project is an installation of a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (HAWK) on 1300 East at Big Cottonwood Park. In addition to providing access to the park, the crossing will provide east/west connectivity through the park to 1100 East and continuing west. The project cost is \$161,000 and the requested funds are \$150,000.
- Salt Lake City – Transit Stop Improvements. This project would include concrete pads, ADA accessibility, and amenities at the busiest and highest need stops. The project cost is \$200,000 and the requested funds are \$186,000.
- Salt Lake City Transportation – SLC Bike Share. This funding will provide 7 stations, 170 docks, 7 kiosks, and other infrastructure necessary to maintain and grow a robust bike share system. The TAP money will be used to get closer to the goal of 75 stations in 2019 as outlined in the GREENbike Strategic Implementation Plan. The project cost is \$373,973 and the requested funds are \$350,260.
- UTA – Update Bike Cars on FrontRunner. This request is for new bike racks on 10 of UTA's 16 FrontRunner bike cars. There are currently 9 bike racks on each, and this will make room for 15. The project cost is \$194,800 and the requested funds are \$181,612.
- Salt Lake County – Bicycle Counters. This project will place automatic counters at strategic locations around Salt Lake County to begin collecting data. The project cost is \$299,900 and the requested funds are \$279,597.
- West Valley – Utah and Salt Lake Canal Trail Extension. This project will extend the UTSL Canal Trail to 6400 West to improve access to the regional trail network. The project cost is \$291,000 and the requested funds are \$271,299.

#### **Agency/City/County Program Updates [Recording 01:11:29]**

- Mayor Carmen Freeman wanted to discuss SB264, and how it may impact active transportation. This bill creates the State Transient Room Tax Act and modifies provisions related to the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation. There was discussion among the committee and Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council announced that this bill had passed the Senate and the House.
- Brett McCliff, Utah Department of Health, talked about the Planners4Health survey that had been sent out. It was noted in the meeting that the survey would be sent out in a follow up email for those that had not seen it.
- Jim Price, Mountainland Association of Governments, explained that with the passing of the UDOT Transportation Bond he is hoping that the technology corridor project in Utah County, Lehi specifically, moves forward from 2020 to 2018. MAG has been working very hard with UDOT, Lehi City, and Utah County, on some very extensive active transportation improvements within that corridor. This includes two new crossings of I-15, and an additional enhanced crossing of I-15 within a three mile zone, so that trails along the one way frontage roads and some new access routes from the Murdock Canal Trail, through I-15 to the West side of I-15.
- Andrew Gruber, WFRC reported on SB277. This bill authorizes one billion dollars in UDOT transportation bonding, with the expectation that those bonds will be issued over a four year period. About \$250 million dollars per year as existing state bond debt is paid off so the state's level of debt will not go up but will remain about level. Importantly, those bonds direct the UDOT transportation commission to utilize its process to prioritize the use of those funds. This process has our state unified transportation plan look at the phase one

priorities, and then UDOT commission associates funding with particular projects. There are already projects that are in the program which this bond package will allow to be accelerated, and other projects which are prioritized but not yet funded that then can be funded over the course of the next four years. This information is located on the UDOT webpage under "Program Briefing."

- Sarah Hodson, Get Healthy Utah, notified the committee that in the last six months to one year, UDOT has released the Utah Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. This is an action plan to promote pedestrian safety, infrastructure, techniques, programs, etc., to really help the cities as well as UDOT, focus on improving pedestrian safety. It was noted in the meeting that the action plan would be sent out in a follow up email for those that had not seen it. She also noted that there is a Pedestrian Safety Training module that is currently being created through UDOT that will be available this coming summer. This will be a free training, and available to anyone. CE credit will be available for those that are interested.
- Scott Hess talked about the Golden Spoke Trail. When the final pieces are completed this Fall, the Wasatch Front will have a safe multi-use trail that totals over 100 miles in length, from Ogden Canyon to Provo Canyon. The connected trail is being called the "Golden Spoke". The connected trails include the following: Ogden River Trail, Denver Rio Grande Rail Trail, Legacy Parkway, Jordan River, Murdock Canal Trail, and Provo River Trail. Staff invites the ATC to be a part of an event to celebrate the completion of this network that is being planned for Fall of this year. The initial idea of the event is a bike ride that would begin in Ogden and Provo simultaneously and ride towards Salt Lake City. The great news is that Mayor Caldwell and Mayor Curtis have committed to ride from their communities to Salt Lake City. The group of riders would continue to pick up participants from each community along the way with a final celebration and ribbon cutting occurring at the new Jordan River Bridge at North Temple. This ride will celebrate the region's collective work and dedication to completing the backbone trail system across the Wasatch Front. More details to come!

### **Open & Public Meeting Act Training [Recording 01:33:00]**

**Next Meeting: May 10, 2017 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

*A recording of this meeting, agendas, and presentations may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org), under Committees, Active Transportation, 2017 meetings.*